

MAYOR AND COUNCIL STRATEGIC FOCUS AREA SUBCOMMITTEE
Transportation

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION REPORT AND SUMMARY
June 20, 2007

ROLL CALL: 3:30 p.m.

ADJOURNED: 5:00 p.m.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Vice Mayor Shirley Scott, Ward 4, Chair
Council Member Carol West, Ward 2

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Council Member Karin Uhlich, Ward 3

AGENDA ITEM/MAYOR AND COUNCIL ACTION	STAFF ACTION
1. Call to the Audience Dick Basye spoke about a study performed in 2006 that investigated the feasibility of lowering I-10 through the downtown area and his desire to have this study re-examined in a more public process.	No action taken.
2. Legislative Update Jason Baran, City Intergovernmental Relations Office, provided an update on transportation-related items included in the state's FY08 budget. Included in the budget are items pertaining to the extension of time for repayment of highway bonds from 10 years to 30 years and the shift of \$62 million from the State Highway Fund to the State Transportation Acceleration Needs (STAN) account.	Continue regular updates.
3. Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) Update Jim Glock, TDOT Director, provided a list of RTA projects and their status. He also clarified details of the application of RTA funds for the stabilization of the Steinfeld Warehouse.	Continue regular updates.
4. I-10 Update Steve Pageau, TDOT Deputy Director, described the ramp closures that occurred the weekend of June 15 th and explained what closures will take place the weekend of June 22. Effective the evening of June 22, all on/off ramps between Prince and 29 th Street will be closed for the duration of the construction schedule. Bridge demolition work will begin at Grant Road on July 6.	Continue regular updates.
5. Update – Department of Corrections Inmate Worker Program Kurt Hough, Streets and Traffic Maintenance Supervisor, reported on the success of the inmate worker program during the first 3 months of implementation. At the end of the 6-month trial period, staff plans to seek full Mayor and Council approval to continue and expand the program.	No action taken.
6. Know Your Way Downtown Jim Glock, TDOT Director, gave an overview of the outreach methods TDOT will implement to help residents and visitors navigate around construction zones in the downtown area. Methods will include, but are not limited to, a hotline phone number, website, flyers, and a low power radio station. Jim will present this information to the full Mayor and Council at a future study session.	No action taken.
7. Year Ahead – Transportation Budget Jim Glock, TDOT Director, presented highlights of a sampling of projects that are included in the City's FY 2008 budget.	No action taken.
9. Future Agendas (<i>suggested topics for further consideration/approval</i>) -Maintenance of Bike Paths -Turn Back of SR 77 (Oracle Road)	